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SUBJECT: MIX-UP ON INITIAL EC-COMECON CONTACTS

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1. BRITISH DCM HAS INFORMED EMBOFF, IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, THAT DISPUTED SOVIET INITIATIVE ON COMECON-EC CONTACTS DID TAKE PLACE DURING CSCE MINISTERIAL IN HELSINKI, DESPITE EARLIER DENIALS. IT SEEMS PROBABLE, HOWEVER, THAT FEW DANISH OFFICIALS KNEW OF DEMARCHE. BRITON SAID HE LEARNED ABOUT EPISODE FROM DANISH MFA OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT AT INTERVIEW. OFFICIAL IN QUESTION IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND THERE APPEARS TO
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BE NO REASON TO QUESTION EITHER HIS OR BRITISH DCM'S

REALIABILITY IN PASSING ON INFORMATION.

2. ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL DANISH INFORMANT, WHO WAS SERVING IN THAT PORTION OF MFA WHICH WAS UNDER FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER NORGAARD'S DIRECTION, HE ADVISED ANDERSEN TO IGNORE GROMYKO'S APPROACH AS IT WAS "NOT MADE IN CORRECT FORUM". OFFICIAL'S MOTIVATION WAS, SAID UK SOURCE, PRESUMABLY JUST TO KEEP ANDERSEN FROM ENCROACHING ON NORGAARD'S SPHERE OF OPERATIONS.

3. COMMENT. THIS KIND OF BUREAUCRATIC IN-FIGHTING SHOULD BE DIMINISHED BY OVE GULDBERG'S APPOINTMENT TODAY TO HEAD BOTH SIDES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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